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Miss Margaret Dunphrey, Irish, was born in Sun Prairie and has live there all her life. She is employed in the Municipal Electric and Water Utilities Company, office in the Public Library Building.

Sun Prairie has many points of interest —About five years ago they built a splendid school building which is well equipped in every way. It has a fine gymnasium, which is of great value to the young people of the community.

Angell Park, giving to the fireman of Sun Prairie, by William Angell, an old settler, is well known throughout Wisconsin. It is within the city limits and its dance pavilion at one time was the largest in the state. Many well known popular orchestras play there throughout the summer season. The park is well supplied with playground equipment for children and is well patronized by them during the summer months. There are also free accomadations for tourists. All celebrations are held there such as the Fall Festival, Labor Day and Fourth of July. The fireman have entire charge of the park but the village furnishes it with light and water free of charge.

A little story is told about the gift of the park to the firemen. Mr. Angell presented it to them, with stipulation that liquor was never to be sold on the grounds but they bought an additional piece of ground and moved the pavilion on it, thus overcoming that. story

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The main industries of Sun Prairie are the "Wisconsin Porcelain Works" the Canning Company and the Creamery. The Porcelain Works, is a very unique industry. Mr. Stohl, the manager, very courteously showed us over the entire plant and it proved to be an interesting experience. This business gives employment to between 100 and 125 people and manufactures porcelain electrical fixtures. The Canning Company has quite an extensive plant and presents an attractive sight with its newly painted grey and white buildings, and individual brick office building. The plant, of course operates during the summer months, when the peas and tomatoes, their two products are in season and gives employment to a number of people at this time.

The Creamery, of course, is open for business all the year through. 2 3

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Living expenses are very reasonable in Sun Prairie. There is a shortage of houses. Many former Madison people [commute?] back and forth between Sun Prairie and the capitol finding it cheaper to live in Sun Prairie.

The village itself controls the [?] Municipal Electric and Water Utilities buying its current from from the Wisconsin Power and Light Co. and reselling it to the village.

The water supply is very cheap, as the village owns its own artesian wells.

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A "fire" whistle, controlled by an electric button at the telephone office, sounds at seven A.M.; at noon; at one P.M. and at six P.M. It also blows when there is a fire, twice for town, three times for the country. The Sun Prairie Fire Department goes out in the country. Payment of a certain fee is charged for this service. Curfeu sounds at eight P.[*?]M. in the winter and nine P.M. in the summer. The children must be off the street at this time, unless accompanied by their parents or older people. This rule is enforced at the present time. 3